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1. AS EXPECTED, CSU'S NUERNBERG-FUERTH DISTRICT, IN EVENING
MMETING DECEMBER 23, WITHDREW ITS FORMAL REQUEST FOR
EXTRAORDINARY CSU LAND CONVENTION . VOTE WAS 113 FOR, 14 AGAINST
AND 3 ABSENTIONS.

2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DEBATE, NUERNBERG-FUERTH JUNGE UNION
ORGANIZATION, WHICH WAS PRIME MOVER IN DISTRICT'S ORIGINAL CALL
FOR EXTRAORDINARY CONVENTION, JOINED WITH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP TO PROPOSE A JOINT RESOLUTION WHICH
WON OVERWHELMING SUPPORT. STATED RATIONALE FOR DISTRICT'S
ACTION WAS TWOFOLD: TO AVOID DIVERSION OF PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM
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"UNPLEASANT SITUATION" FACED BY SPD/FDP COALITION IN BONN;
AND (B) TO ALLOW EMOTIONS GENERATED BY KREUTH DECISIONS TO
COOL FURTHER. NUERNBERG-FUERTH DISTRICT HAS INVITED
CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS TO SPEAK AT DISTRICT'S NEXT ORDINARY
CONVENTION WHICH IS TO BE HELD SOMETIME IN FIRST
QUARTER OF 1977.

3. IN WAKE OF ABOVE DECISION, CSU SECRETARY GENERAL TANDLER HAS WRITTEN TO EACH MEMBER OF CSU LEANDESVORSTAND (LAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) ASKING FOR VOTE IN WRITING ON WHETHER EXTRAORDINARY CONVENTION SHOULD BE CANCELLED.

4. COMMENT: CSU EXTRAORDINARY CONVENTION IS NOW QUITE UNLIKELY. IF STRAUSS WANTED T HOLD CONVENTION, WE BELIEVE HE WOULD HAVE CALLED MEETING OF LANDESVORSTAND DESPITE HOLIDAYS, IN ORDER TO SET FORTH PUBLIC RATIONALE FOR CONVENTION AN TO EMPLOY HIS PERSONAL POWERS OF PERSUASION ON BEHALF OF CONVENTION.

5. INTRA-CSU DEBATE TRIGGERED BY KREUTH DECISION SEEMS TO HAVE GIVEN MANY RANK AND FIE CSU MEMBERS INCREASED CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO USE PARTY FORA TO ARTICULATE THEIR POLITICCAL DESIRES IN EFFECTIVE MANNER. PARADOXICALLY, HOWEVER, THIS INCREASED SENSE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE DOES NOT RPT NOT SEEM TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY DESIRE TO LIMIT AUTHORITY OF STRAUSS.BETTS

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